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Elias Mine near Jachymov

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1. The SNB guard battalion at Jachymov (N51/K60) is directly under the supervision of the Ministry of the Interior. Battalion headquarters is in a former hotel in the lower section of Jachymov. The battalion commander is SNB 1st Lt. Hromadka. His deputy is a staff captain (sic) who was formerly a member of the police. Guard units of this battalion are stationed at the Elias, Irena, Barbora and Eduard mines in the Jachymov area and in Pribram, Vykanov, Svatkov, Potucky and Marianska.
2. Subordinate to the battalion at Jachymov is SNB unit "Vrsek" which is responsible for guarding the prison camp situated on the grounds of the Elias mine, and the newly established forced labor camp in the vicinity of the mine. This SNB unit consists of 100 - 120 men under the command of Staff Sergeant Vanek and his deputy Staff Sergeant Filandr. The unit is equipped with pistols and with Soviet sub-machine guns. More recently Czech 9-mm sub-machine guns with removable butts have been issued. About two-thirds of this unit are Communists and about one-third are anti-Communist, although many of these have joined the Party. One of the members of the unit, Adarek, has been sentenced to 21 years imprisonment because he attempted to cross the border into Germany with a piece of uranium ore. His brother is still serving in the "Vrsek" unit.
3. In the prison camp at the Elias mine are about 1200 prisoners, most of whom are convicted of political crimes. These convicts live in wooden barracks surrounded by three series of wire fences. Between the second and third fence bounds are allowed to run loose. Within the enclosure is a guardhouse and four watchtowers on each of which is posted a single guard with a light machine gun, sub-machine gun, and a pistol. On the outskirts of the camp are nine similar towers. Every other tower is equipped with a light machine gun. All towers are also equipped with rockets for illuminating the camp in case of a disruption of the electric current. Communication between towers and the guardhouse is by means of a system of bells. The guardhouse is connected by telephone to the SNB guard unit camp about one kilometer from the prison camp. Most of the political prisoners are members of the intelligentsia and high-ranking officers. There are also prisoners convicted of serious criminal offenses. The prisoners are ill-treated by the guards.

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